

Commercial.

GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY.

TRAFFIC FOR WEEK ENDING 25TH DEC., 1863.

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| Passengers..... | \$21,205 80 |
| Freight and Live Stock..... | 35,280 44 |
| Mails and Sundries..... | 1,225 82½ |
| | \$57,712 15½ |
| Corresponding Week of last year..... | 61,661 36½ |
| Increase..... | \$638 99 |

JAMES CHARLTON.

AUDIT OFFICE, HAMILTON, }
Dec. 26, 1863.

GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY.

RETURN OF TRAFFIC, FOR THE WEEK ENDING
Dec. 19TH, 1863.

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| Passengers..... | \$23,776 56 |
| Mails and Sundries..... | 5,400 00 |
| Freight and Live Stock..... | 67,145 35 |
| | \$96,321 91 |
| Corresponding week, 1862..... | 94,283 18 |
| Increase..... | \$2,038 73 |

LIVERPOOL MARKETS.

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PRICE CURRENT.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 9th, 1863.

| | s. | d. | s. | d. |
|---|------|----|----|----|
| Beef, duty free, U. S. extra prime mess, | 75 | 0 | a | 80 |
| per tierce of 304 lbs..... | 60 | 0 | a | 70 |
| Prime mess..... | 55 | 0 | a | 60 |
| Pork, duty free, U. S. Eastern Prime | 32 | 6 | a | 45 |
| Western, do..... | 25 | 0 | a | 30 |
| Bacon, per cwt., (duty free) U. S. Short | 25 | 0 | a | 30 |
| Middles, bonelass..... | 25 | 0 | a | 28 |
| “ rib in..... | 27 | 0 | a | 29 |
| Long Middles, bonelass..... | 26 | 0 | a | 28 |
| “ rib in..... | 24 | 0 | a | 28 |
| Cumberland cut..... | 24 | 0 | a | 28 |
| Hams, in salt, long cut..... | none | | | |
| Lard, per cwt, duty free, U. S. Fine..... | 40 | 0 | a | 41 |
| Middling to good..... | 39 | 6 | a | 40 |
| Inferior and Grease..... | 32 | 0 | a | 36 |
| Cheese per cwt, duty free, U. S. Extra..... | 50 | 0 | a | 56 |
| Fine..... | 44 | 0 | a | 48 |
| Butter per cwt, duty free, U. S. and | | | | |
| Canada, extra..... | 80 | 0 | a | 96 |
| good middling to fine..... | 75 | 0 | a | 90 |
| Grease sorts per cwt..... | 42 | 0 | a | 46 |
| Tallow, per cwt., (duty free)..... | 42 | 0 | a | 43 |
| Wheat, (duty 1s. per quarter) | | | | |
| Canadian, white, per cental of 100 lbs..... | 9 | 0 | a | 9 |
| “ red..... | 8 | 3 | a | 8 |
| American, white..... | 9 | 0 | a | 10 |
| “ red..... | 7 | 6 | a | 9 |
| French, white..... | “ | | | |
| “ red..... | “ | | | |
| Flour, (duty 4½ per cwt.) | | | | |
| Western, per barrel of 196 lbs..... | 19 | 6 | a | 21 |
| Philadelphia..... | 20 | 0 | a | 22 |
| Baltimore..... | 20 | 0 | a | 23 |
| Ohio..... | 21 | 0 | a | 22 |
| Canadian..... | 20 | 6 | a | 23 |
| Extra Canadian..... | 23 | 0 | a | 26 |
| Indian Corn, (duty 1s. per quarter.) | | | | |
| Yellow per 480 lbs..... | 25 | 3 | a | 28 |
| Mixed..... | 25 | 0 | a | 28 |

PETROLEUM.

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| American Crude, per tun of 252 Imperial gal- | |
| lons..... | £14 a 15 |
| Canadian..... | £9 a 00 |
| American Refined, best quality, per | |
| Imperial Gallon..... | 1 7 a 10 |
| Canadian do..... | 1 3 a 1 3 |
| Spirits of Petroleum or Benzine..... | 1 0 a 1 3 |
| Lubricating, per tun, black, green and brown..... | £9 a 10 |
| Grease..... | £11 a 12 |

THE THEATRE ROYAL, HAMILTON,

Last week and this week the Ghost illusion has again been produced, under the superintendence of Mr. Schonberg of New York, assisted by Mr. William Tooke. A new actor has also appeared on the boards, Mr. J. H. Fletcher, whom we must characterize as quite an acquisition to the company. An original drama, written by Miss Alice Placide, entitled, 'Rosalie, or the Spectral Warning,' has been produced, and was very favorably received. The 'Mistletoe Bough,' and 'Lucretia Borgia,' have also been brought out, and all in very good style: the acting being highly creditable to the company as a whole. With two more good actresses to assist Miss Placide, or even one more only, the company would be really complete and good.

A PHOTOGRAPHIC PICTURE ON STEEL.—We have seen a beautiful specimen of photographic engraving on steel—in other words a photographic picture on steel—effected solely by the agency of light acting on certain chemicals. The specimen, it is stated by Mr. Talbot, is quite untouched. It represents an exquisite scene in Java—a ravine and rivulet fringed with banana trees. Not the least wonderful circumstance connected with it is, that at least 5,000 copies can be taken before the plate deteriorates. Such a result, after so many years of labor, must be, for Mr. Fox Talbot, a genuine triumph.

THE POLISH INSURRECTION.—Accounts received from several governments in the Kingdom of Poland speak of the increase of the insurrection. Numerous bodies of the peasants have joined the insurrection, and in two engagements the insurgents have been victorious. The Russians avow their determination to depopulate Poland by the transportation of its inhabitants, of whom 1000 were sent away last week.

Some one calls the high crown hat, which has been so long in fashion, the cylinder of civilization.

CONSOLATION.—An Irishman said one day to a friend 'Why don't you occasionally go to some place of amusement? 'Don't you know,' replied the other, 'that my wife has not been dead a month?' 'Well, what of that—she won't be any deader.'

WILD CATS IN GERMANY.—The native species of wild cat infests the forest of Germany this year in such numbers that sportsmen in many districts complain that there is hardly a hare to be shot. This ferocious little member of the feline race has even committed considerable havoc among the young deer in some parts of the country. The consequence is that regular cat hunts have been found necessary to thin their numbers.

A New York paper says:—'It is said that Admiral Renaud has written from New-York that his position here, on account of the festivities offered to the Russians, is highly embarrassing, that although the most studied politeness is shown him, that he can see there is no heart in it, and that all eyes and hearts are for the Russians.'

Jenny Lind, it is said, has lost her voice, This is related to have made itself painfully apparent on the occasion of her singing in the 'Elijah,' of Mendelssohn, lately in England.

TAINTED BARRELS.—A. Nepper, of Ohio, says: 'Fill the barrel with hay, then fill up with boiling water, let stand for 24 hours, and the thing is done.' We have seen hams, which during a long overland journey in a warm country, had acquired an unpleasant odor, rendered perfectly sweet by putting them for a day in a tub with some hay and cold water. 'Wm. L.' Orange Co., N. Y., directs to fill the cask with sour milk or whey, let it stand several days, then refill with water, and change occasionally.

To rise early requires quickness of decision; it is one of those subjects that admit of no turning over.

Laziness begins in cobwebs and ends in iron chain. It creeps over a man so slowly and imperceptibly, that a man is bound tight before he knows it.

An ungenerous commentator on men and things remarks that cats, women and politicians have one sentiment in common. They are more attached to places than persons.

The machinists in New York who struck for higher wages, number between seven and eight thousand men.

He that seeks trouble, it were a pity he should miss it.

Lord Elgin was twice married, first to a daughter of Major Cumming Bruce of Elginshire, and then to the present Countess, the daughter of the late Earl Grey. His lordship leaves a daughter by his first marriage, and three sons and one daughter by his second. He is succeeded by his eldest son, Lord Bruce, who was born in 1849. In June last his third son, Martin Charles Bruce, died at Methuen Castle, Perthshire, from inflammation of the brain, aged nine years.

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